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May/June 1998 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department



Public Safety Awareness Campaign

By Lieutenant Kerwin A. McNamara
Headquarters, Public Information and Life Safety Education Section

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department hit the big screen on Friday, May 22, 1998. In fact, 48 big screens located throughout Fairfax County. In a continuing effort to educate the citizens of the county, the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section worked with National Amusements of Massachusetts for several months to bring public safety announcements to all 48 Multiplex Theater screens. With the assistance of Viscom Ltd., of Reston, slides were developed to cover subjects such as bicycle helmets, water safety, smoke detectors and proper disposal of fireplace ashes. Each slide prominently displays our Fire and Rescue Department logo.

Additionally, we also have an agreement with the Fairfax Connector Bus System to display these same messages inside all 70 Connector buses. Placards will be placed on the inside as you enter and will be rotated periodically. Connector buses transport more than 16,000 citizens each day throughout Fairfax County.

Both of these venues provide us an opportunity to get safety messages out to thousands of residents and visitors. ♦



Glenn A. Gaines

"Fire officers are under significant stress during the first few moments of a fire incident. Many thoughts run through the mind of an incident commander as the strategy and a tactical plan is mentally developed."

From The Fire Chief . . .

In this issue, I would like to discuss our fire suppression operations on two incidents that occurred in May. Both incidents involved house fires. In each case, the buildings were well involved prior to the arrival of our units. In each incident, the fire was brought under control using a well conceived and coordinated aggressive fire attack.

As many of you know, fire officers are under significant stress during the first few moments of a fire incident. Many thoughts run through the mind of an incident commander as he develops his strategy and tactical plan mentally. Besides determining the most effective approach to controlling the fire, determining risk to occupants and total resources required to mitigate the incident, and firefighter safety; the officer must consider the type of construction, the present condition of the building, the time required by operational personnel to execute the tactical plan, and how the elapsed time will effect the condition of the building.

The two fires I witnessed occurred on May 30, at 1016 Tyler Street in Herndon and 5032 Oakcrest Drive in the Fairfax area on May 31. Although not able to witness initial firefighting activities, the ultimate

outcome of fire department operations made it clear to this fire chief that I was watching the unfolding of two of the finest fire suppression operations of my career.

I was impressed with the fire ground organization, communications, and determination of the officers and firefighters. It is important to point out that in each case the fire involved multiple floors and had spread into the attic. It is equally important to note that while the fire involvement was significant, an aggressive salvage operation was a priority and led to a successful reduction of fire and water damage. Other impressive elements of the operation included: rehabilitation, apparatus placement, firefighter safety, and crew rotation. While I am convinced that the two incidents I witnessed are just a sample of the outstanding work that our firefighters and officers perform every day, it was reassuring for me to have been a small part of such an outstanding effort.

I want to extend my congratulations and admiration to the members of A and B shift who responded and executed a flawless operation. I also want to recognize Deputy Chief Jeffrey B. Coffman (incident commander for both incidents) for an outstanding job in managing. ♦

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From The Editor . . .

Now that we've done the dastardly deed of redesigning *Line Copy*, let us know what you think. We're always looking for constructive feedback on how we can better provide information.

In this issue we have our first letter to the editor—something that has been missing for quite some time. I hope that we will have more to publish in upcoming issues. Of course, that can't happen without your involvement and interest.

We continue to look for interesting articles that cover a variety of subjects relating to people, training, incidents, and professional development—if it adds value, we'll probably use it. We'll give you a by-line and tell people where you work as a special reward for your efforts.

Switching gears, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's 50th anniversary is next year. We're in the midst of designing an anniversary badge that we hope everyone will be proud to wear and call their own. Details of that initiative will be available in the near future. We plan to put a color rendition of the badge on the front cover of *Line Copy* for all to see. We'll keep you posted as we get closer. ♦

Letter To The Editor

Recently the *Line Copy* published its annual profile of valor award recipients and the descriptive accounts of the actions that merited the award. No sooner, it seemed, had I read these than an Employee Answer Response (E.A.R.) question (May 13, 98-009) appeared penned by a P-26 captain that called into question the actions of one of the awarded. In my 12 years in this department I have never felt strongly enough about an issue to necessitate a "letter to the editor" for publication, but after trying to formulate it as a E.A.R. question in response, the length to which I needed to go made it an editorial, not merely a question.

My question would have been something like this; Q: Why is there no character assessment station in the P-26 captain test? For a position which oversees a shift and station and the development and maintenance of a productive attitude in young firefighters it would seem from this P-26 captain's E.A.R. question that such an assessment station is long overdue.

Questioning the merit of a lifesaving award given to a department member who stopped to help at an accident scene (Firefighter Brian K. Morton, Station 2, B-Shift) and whose efforts

made a lifesaving difference to a child is beyond belief. That the misnomer of being apneic but not pulseless does not satisfy this captain's standards of "lifesaving" means only that it is this captain who needs further EMS training, and not the firefighter, as his E.A.R. question dares to retort. As a Pediatric ALS (P.A.L.S.) provider, I see the need to bring to light that respiratory arrest is the cause of 80 percent of pediatric cardiac arrests and the two terms are of so nearly similar end result that Firefighter Brian Morton's intervention in the slim window that separates the two was a testament to his skills, and a

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Shirley Binsky and Fred Calvert were often the friendly faces who served firefighters hot or cold drinks and snacks onboard Canteen 8 at major incidents throughout the county.



Fred Calvert, Jr.

October 6, 1922 - June 5, 1998

*By Susan Herbert
Headquarters, Volunteer Liaison*

If you have ever been served by Canteen 8, you have met Fred Calvert, Jr. He dispensed provisions to personnel on numerous fires and other large scale events including many incidents on the Capital Beltway. He was on-scene for two days at the Colonial Pipeline rupture in 1993, providing not only nourishment for the body, but also good cheer for the soul. In fact, since Canteen 8 was placed in-service in 1991, Fred only missed one call.

Fred Calvert, Jr., served in the volunteer fire service with the Annandale Volunteer Fire Department (VFD), since he joined in 1952. He was an active participant in all aspects of the fire service, working as a front-line service provider on fire apparatus every Thursday for more than 15 years.

Fred's activities with the Annandale VFD continued even after he decided to step down from operational service. He continued his weekly presence at Annandale by working bingo every Thursday evening, and he frequently substituted on Mondays. In addition, he was active in planning Open House events as well as Safe Kids Day activities. He was "Smokey the Bear" for all fire department events as well as

school presentations for years. One of his great joys was working with children.

When the Annandale VFD decided to establish a canteen service, Fred worked with Roger Waller during every step of the design phase. According to Chief Waller, when the unit was ready to be placed in-service, Fred was like a kid with a new toy. Patti Blankenship, past chairperson of the Fairfax County Volunteer Firefighters Canteen Service, said "no matter what the situation was, Fred was always ready to help; and the help was accompanied by a friendly smile."

Fred worked for the telephone company for 44 years, and he was an active member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapter, the Masonic Lodge, and Friendship United Methodist Church in Annandale.

Fred was an unassuming, gentle man whose quiet ways and hard working commitment to the fire service will be missed. Fred Calvert, Jr., died on June 5 at Fairfax Hospital. He is survived by three children and his companion, Ms. Shirley Binsky. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Annandale VFD. ❖

Back To Basics OARS Session

*By Captain II George L. Sission
Fire and Rescue Academy*

The Academy is going "Back to Basics" with the upcoming session of Operations Academy Rotations (OARS).

After a running series of mandated training requirements which included sessions of AED/CPR, OSHA Haz-Mat, Terrorism Awareness and Rapid Intervention Team procedures, we are pleased to announce the next session of OARS will be a full day of practical hands-on training.

Evolutions will consist of basic fireground skills contained in the Standard Evolutions Manual. The OARS session is intended as a training opportunity for field personnel, there will be no pass/fail testing, only an informal review and critique to share experiences with others.

In addition to the existing evolutions, the Field Training Officer (FTO) staff will be evaluating newly proposed evolutions. These new evolutions may include Continuous Air Supply System - using a spare self contained breathing

apparatus (SCBA) and buddy breathing hose to change SCBA cylinders without removing the face piece; positive pressure ventilation of a structure; Search and Rescue operations including victim removal methods.

These evolutions will be used (by the FTO) to evaluate an updated draft version of the Standard Evolutions Manual. In order to make sure the revised evolutions are relevant and valid, the Academy will solicit your comments and ideas. Once the evolutions are validated, the Standard Evolutions Manual will be finalized and submitted for approval. It will then be distributed to the stations. You can anticipate receiving the revised Standard Evolutions Manual by the end of the year.

One last note of interest regarding OARS, the current schedule does not have Saturday and Sunday sessions. The training will be done weekdays, Monday through Friday, 0830 - 1600. If make-up days are required, efforts will be

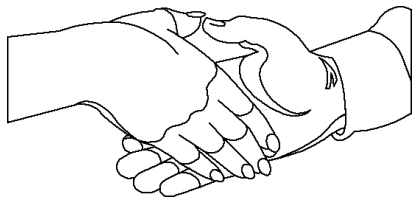
made to accomplish these on weekdays; however, this will require individual evaluation and coordination with all other department activities on the master calendar.

The "Back to Basics" theme will be carried into future OARS sessions with split sessions. The mornings will consist of mandated training with the afternoons set aside for practical hands-on exercises. As an example, the session scheduled to start in November 1998 will have four hours dedicated to EVOC Recertification and four hours for a hands-on practical session. ♦



A firefighter from Station 24, B-Shift, goes through evolutions for rapid intervention training at the Fire and Rescue Academy. Rapid Intervention Teams consist of one officer and two firefighters who are on standby at the incident command post to respond to and recover injured firefighters.

Awards & Presentations



Onthank Awards



(Left to right): Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman Board of Supervisors, Captain II Francis J. Teevan, Robert J. O'Neill, Jr., County Executive

On June 9, 1998, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented the 1997 A. Heath Onthank Memorial Awards. This is the County's highest award and recognizes employees for outstanding accomplishments in advancing and improving public service in Fairfax County Government. The award was established in 1966 and named in honor of the first chairman of the County Civil Service Commission. It is given for accomplishments which advance and improve public service to County citizens. The achievement must be a remarkable or unusual performance of the honoree's assigned duties, or above and beyond the assigned duties, and must demonstrate exceptional initiative.

Captain II Francis J. Teevan, Fire Prevention Division, received this award for his work while assigned to investigate a potential problem with Omega fire sprinklers, which turned out to have a serious failure rate. After discovering the magnitude of the problem, Captain Teevan briefed county officials, who then met with the manufacturer. Despite initial resistance, the company finally agreed to test and replace all defective sprinklers in county-owned buildings. His efforts have also resulted in the replacement of more than 30,000 sprinkler heads in private buildings in the county. Based on the County's findings, a nation-wide investigation was launched by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which ultimately required the manufacturer to remove, replace, and stop selling all Omega sprinklers.

Career Achievement Awards



Master Technician Keith E. Pearson (Station 32, B-Shift), received a Career Achievement Award for maintaining a safe and accident-free driving record. Master Technician Pearson received his award from Captain Donald E. Simpson (Station 32, B-Shift) (right).



Technician Lawrence J. Kelly (Station 26, A-Shift) received a Career Achievement Award for designing and arranging the compartments and box on Rescue Squad 26. Technician Kelly received his award from Deputy Chief Clark O. Martin (A-Shift) (right), and Battalion Chief Ralph F. Phillips (Battalion 4, A-Shift) (left).



Engine 26, Rescue Squad 26, Medic 26, and Medic 22 personnel were presented with a Unit Citation for their outstanding performance on March 30 at 6463 Edsall Road. This incident involved a person trapped under a commercial bus. Pictured on the right (left to right): Battalion Chief Ralph F. Phillips (Battalion 4, A-Shift), Technician Carlos R. Carrillo (Engine 26, A-Shift), Captain Robert T. Kevan (Engine 26, A-Shift), Technician Lawrence J. Kelly (Rescue Squad 26, A-Shift), Technician Everette N. Chewning (Engine 26, A-Shift), Lieutenant Richard A. Roatch (Rescue Squad 26, A-Shift), Lieutenant Thomas W. Ryan (Medic 26, A-Shift), Lieutenant Dennis K. Donehoo (Medic 26, A-Shift), Master Technician James E. Wilkerson (Engine 26, A-Shift). Pictured on the left: Battalion Chief Ralph F. Phillips (Battalion 4, A-Shift) presents Lieutenant Robert A. Konczal (Medic 22, A-Shift) with his Unit Citation. Technician Rodney H. Woodward and Lieutenant Robert L. Ange (Rescue Squad 26, A-Shift) is not pictured.



Renée Henningsen (Public Information and Life Safety Education Section) was recognized by the International Association of Fire Fighters Burn Foundation for her tireless work with child fire safety and her involvement with the burn camp program. Ms. Henningsen heads the Juvenile Firesetters Program for the Fire and Rescue Department, is involved with the Aluminum Cans For Burned Program, and is counselor at the Mid Atlantic Burn Camp for child burn survivors.



Technician Jeffrey S. Lewis, nominated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7327, received the Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year Award for his dedication to his job and the citizens he serves.

Hot Shots



Firefighters battle a blaze at this abandon house. The house was located on Park Authority property near Burke Lake at the dead end of Old Keene Mill Road.



A single vehicle accident, on the George Washington Parkway near McLean, resulted in a fatality. Photo by Captain II David G. Bridges (EMS 2, B-Shift).



This two-alarm house fire at 5032 Oakcrest Drive took firefighters approximately one hour to bring under control. An occupant of the home was alerted to the fire by 18-year-old Mike Becker who was driving by the home. After calling 911, Mr. Becker went to the rear of the home and forced entry to find an 86-year-old female in the family room. Mr. Becker assisted her out of the burning home and took her to a neighbor's home (right).



Firefighters work to extricate the driver of this car which was involved in a rear-end collision at the intersection of Route 50 and Lee Road in the Chantilly area. Photo by Captain I Steven I. Weissman (Safety Officer, C-Shift).



Family members were not home at the time of this three-alarm blaze. The home, located at 308 Sprigwood Court, had heavy fire showing when firefighters marked on the scene. Seventy firefighters worked to bring the blaze under control in approximately one hour. Photo by Captain II David G. Bridges (EMS 2, B-Shift).

Fairfax County Fair Shots



Bennie E. Bough, Ph.D.

*7903 Bracksford Court
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April 23, 1998

Ms. Katherine K. Hanley, Chairman
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

Dear Chairman Hanley:

In preparation for my role as the closing speaker for the Tenth Executive Fire Officer Program Graduate Symposium at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, I had the privilege of observing the operations of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department on April 15 and April 17. I will be speaking on leadership and communication issues between senior executives and the fire fighters in the field. I wanted to share with you my experience with the highly competent fire fighters at the Fairfax County Burke Fire and Rescue Station 14 under the leadership of Captain Greg Hedrick and Battalion 5-A under the leadership of Battalion Chief Chris Hunter and Captain Mike Wood, EMS Captain.

On Wednesday, April 15, Captain Hedrick and his fire fighting team gave me the opportunity to observe the leadership and communication issues between the Station Captain and his fire fighting team, and this team's relationship with upper management. Captain Hedrick and his team gave me that important fire station perspective. While I was with them, we responded to one traffic accident. The firefighters showed outstanding teamwork in responding to this incident.

On Friday, April 17, I spent the morning with Captain Mike Wood (EMS 5, A-Shift) and the afternoon with Battalion Chief Chris Hunter (Battalion 5, A-Shift) as they performed their duties. While with these gentlemen, my primary focus was on leadership and communication issues between the fire fighters at all the stations in Battalion 5-A and the battalion leadership. These gentlemen exhibited outstanding leadership qualities as they interacted with the firefighters at the stations. They also showed professionalism as they handled a car accident, a two-alarm fire in an apartment building and in their treatment of a heart attack victim.

In my discussion with the fire fighters, they told me that they loved their profession. They also told me that they get a deep sense of pride in saving lives, putting out fires and educating the public in fire safety. It was a rare privilege for me to witness such dedicated public servants in action.

The information I have gained from my experience with the fire station and the battalion will be invaluable to me as I prepare for my closing speech to the senior executives at the Tenth Executive Fire Officer Program Graduate Symposium. More importantly as a citizen in Fairfax County, I thought you would like to know about the outstanding leadership and communication performance of your firefighters in Battalion 5-A.

Sincerely,
Bennie Bough

The following letter appeared in the Herndon Observer as a letter to the editor.

Home Fire Victims Find Friends Through Tragedy

(Editor's note: The Griffis' Tyler Street home was damaged by fire on Saturday, May 30.)

To the editor:

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the people of Herndon for all of their support and good wishes this past weekend.

We would especially like to thank the Herndon Police Department and Officer Keys in particular for their sensitivity to our situation.

Thanks to off-duty firefighter Scott Slepetz, our three cats are safe and happy. The humanitarian efforts of the firefighters to protect our "personal treasures" will never be forgotten. Our Tyler Street friends made sure our immediate needs were met by opening their homes to us.

The whole experience has made us very glad to live in Herndon. We apologize to the Herndon Parks and Recreation Department for upstaging their fireworks display! Thanks again Herndon.

Carl and Pam Griffis and family
Herndon

Top 10 Activity Report

May 1998

Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 413	199
A 408	157
A 410	150
A 411	147
A 409	142
A 431	140
A 428	133
A 434	131
A 414	126
A 430	126

Engine Company

Unit	Calls
E 410	258
E 404	245
E 408	227
E 411	219
E 409	205
E 426	200
E 422	196
E 413	192
E 405	180
E 401	176

Rescue Squad

Unit	Calls
S 426	140
S 401	101
S 418	99
S 411	94
S 421	94
S 419	73
S 414	60
S 430	1

Medic

Unit	Calls
M 418	238
M 408	220
M 404	219
M 410	209
M 425	209
M 405	191
M 429	189
M 422	186
M 426	181
M 411	175

Rescue Engine

Unit	Calls
RE 425	178
RE 421	5

Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 429	102
T 425	96
T 410	94
T 430	77
T 411	74
T 422	70
T 405	66
T 408	66
T 436	63
T 424	59

Unit Activity has been compiled from the event history file

Fire & Rescue Digest

A new program of **Fire & Rescue Digest** begins in July and will broadcast on Fairfax Government Channel 16 through the month of August. This episode of **Fire & Rescue Digest** features our Urban Search & Rescue Team; Bert, our newly trained accelerant detection dog; and Safe Kids Day. The program is scheduled to be broadcast every Tuesday at noon, Wednesdays at 3 p.m., and every Thursday at 6 p.m.

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 05/07/98 **Box:** 0406 **Address:** 12022 Waterside View Drive **Type:** Apartment **Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$1,500,000 **Loss:** \$250,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 05/07/98 **Box:** 1304 **Address:** 2100 Pimmit Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental **Value:** \$110,000 **Loss:** \$55,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 05/11/98 **Box:** 0218 **Address:** 9620 Verdict Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental - combustibles too close to a heat source **Value:** \$350,000 **Loss:** \$100,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 05/19/98 **Box:** 3703 **Address:** 7107 Roxann Road **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental - electrical **Value:** \$354,690 **Loss:** \$150,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 05/23/98 **Box:** 0146 **Address:** 1311 Kirby Road **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental - electrical **Value:** \$120,000 **Loss:** \$75,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 05/24/98 **Box:** 4206 **Address:** 308 Springwood Court **Type:** House **Cause:** Undetermined **Value:** \$436,500 **Loss:** \$350,000 **Status:** Open

Date: 05/30/98 **Box:** 4408 **Address:** 1016 Tyler Street **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental - electrical **Value:** \$250,000 **Loss:** \$175,000 **Status:** Closed

Date: 05/31/98 **Box:** 0300 **Address:** 5032 Oakcrest Drive **Type:** House **Cause:** Accidental - electrical **Value:** \$350,000 **Loss:** \$200,000 **Status:** Closed

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Arrests/Petitions

Date: 09/03/96 **Box:** 1500 **Address:** 14720 Pan Am Avenue **Type:** Trailer **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged a 21-year-old male with three counts of burning a dwelling. No trial date was set.

Date: 11/02/96 **Box:** 1500 **Address:** 14720 Pan Am Avenue **Type:** Trailer **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged a 21-year-old male with three counts of burning a dwelling. No trial date was set.

Date: 08/31/97 **Box:** 1012 **Address:** 4123 Braddock Road **Type:** Vehicle **Narrative:** The defendant pled guilty to burning personal property and was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 150 days suspended.

Date: 03/30/98 **Box:** 1503 **Address:** 4400 Stringfellow Road **Type:** School **Narrative:** The defendant pled guilty to setting fire to a meeting house and was sentenced to 50 hours community service and one year active probation.

Date: 04/19/98 **Box:** 4400 **Address:** 724 Pine Street **Type:** Vehicle **Narrative:** The defendant in this case pled guilty to burning personal property and was sentenced 180 days in jail 150 suspended, \$200 restitution, and one year active probation.

Date: 05/10/98 **Box:** 1434 **Address:** 9732 Iron Master Drive **Type:** Structure **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged four juvenile males with destruction of public property. A trial date was set for June 24, 1998.

Date: 05/16/98 **Box:** 3506 **Address:** 8049 Winding Way Court **Type:** House **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged four adult males and one juvenile male with setting an outside fire. Trial dates were set for June 10, 1998, and June 12, 1998.

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miracle of timing and circumstance. Shock, generally fluid depletion, accounts for the other 20 percent. An accident of the magnitude that Brian came across probably can contribute in this respect also to the child's disposition.

Of larger issue here is that the questioning of such an action as to whether it was lifesaving or not is moot. We as individuals in a rescue department should be giving Brian a huge high five and saying "MAN . . . Job Well Done!" I know I read the award descriptions and was in awe of Brian's work.

I have met Brian while working callback, though I doubt he remembers. I have worked on opposite shift of his cousin, Firefighter Greg Morton. They are both of great disposition and are the kind of people you just want to be around. I understand also that they are from a large, close family of many more just like them. I hope that as our recruitment branch sends out its emissaries that they beat a path in the general direction of the Morton family, and Brian, next time we work together, dinner is on me.

Anniversaries

5-Years

Tech. Mark C. Baban
 Tech. William M. Best
 Tech. Earl J. Burroughs
 Tech. John M. Chesek
 Tech. Kevin R. Dabney
 FF Ronald B. Evans
 Tech. David K. Gruendel
 Tech. John E. Higginbotham
 FF James P. Hobgood
 Tech. Reginald T. Johnson
 Tech. Evan J. Lewis
 Tech. Svenja E. Leyden
 Lt. Kerwin A. McNamara
 Tech. Timothy W. Palmer
 Tech. James A. Perkins
 Lt. Mark A. Schroeder
 Tech. John M. Stetter
 FF Antonio D. Trammell
 Tech. Chester E. Waters
 FF Dennis J. Webb

20 Years

Darlene Clark, Sec. II
 Brenda L. Tincher, Admin.
 Asst.

25 Years

Capt. I Lionel G. Duckwitz
 Capt. I Robert F. McLain
 BC Robert E. Rhea

Taking Up



Captain I
Didier C. "D.C." Pfalzgraf, Jr.

Entry Date: August 18, 1975

Retirement Date: June 5, 1998

Assignments: Stations 14, 19, 5, 32, 1, 4, 22, and 15

Likes: Running calls, conversations around the dinner table, how the kids eyes light up when they see the lights of the equipment. Working callback on other shifts.

Will miss about the department: Weekend breakfasts, running calls, Duke's words of wisdom, and fixing dinner for the shift.

Plans for the future: No plans for first six months. After the first of the year I might start a small business.

Works of wisdom: Try to be professional firefighters not just "paid men."

What got you interested in the fire service?
 Dad—retired firefighter.

Who or what influenced your career: Carl Pumphrey and Ray Pierpoint.

The real challenge of a good leader is not to find superior people, but to motivate ordinary people to do superior work.

Taking Up



**Battalion Chief
Kenneth Roy Nestor**

Entry Date: April 2, 1973

Retirement Date: June 19, 1998

Assignments: Stations 24, 11, 1, 2, 25, Fire Chief's Office, Academy, EMS 2, Academy (Chief Training Officer), Battalion 4, and Battalion 2

Likes: The camaraderie and the teamwork to confront emergencies. The excellent opportunities to receive training, education, and advancement. The life-long friendships made possible by our shift work and challenging events.

Dislikes: I wish more people could realize the tremendous opportunities to grow and learn in our department and not just see our work as just another job.

Will miss about the department: No two days are the same. The work we do is very important. I will miss the challenges of emergency work, the people, and the learning opportunities available to all who desire to grab them.

Plans for the future: To take all the skills, knowledge, and experience into a second career in the airline repair industry in Naples, Florida. Work a regular shift and watch more sunsets, fish more often and look forward to being with my family.

Works of wisdom: Try and always see the glass at half-full, not half-empty. Grasp the opportunities, make life-long friendships, and always give your coworkers and citizens 100 percent of your effort.

What got you interested in the fire service?
Volunteer firefighting.

Retirements

Captain I Bradford A. Cochrane

August 10, 1970 - June 12, 1998

Captain II David Diamantes

August 20, 1973 - June 12, 1998

Captain II Gary A. Dubrueler

October 1, 1973 - June 5, 1998

Technician Walter M. McKendree

January 29, 1971 - May 8, 1998

Captain I Geoffrey W. McNamara

February 10, 1973 - June 19, 1998

Technician David G. Morrison

August 18, 1973 - June 5, 1998

Battalion Chief Kenneth R. Nestor

April 2, 1973 - June 19, 1998

Captain I Didier C. Pfalzgraf, Jr.

August 18, 1975 - June 5, 1998

Lieutenant William L. Sheehy

October 29, 1973 - May 8, 1998

Firefighter Elvan R. Thorpe II

October 1, 1973 - May 11, 1998

Technician Robert R. Webster

January 2, 1973 - May 20, 1998

Who or what influenced your career: Captain Bibber, Captain Betty, Chief Isman, Chief Gaines, Battalion Chief Rose, Lieutenant Geoff McNamara, Battalion Chief Dundas, and Battalion Chief Bob Lanning.



Station Profile

McLean Fire and Rescue Station #1

**Station Captain
Paul T. Williams**

Station constructed: Original building in 1925, building replaced in 1948, and current structure built in 1988.

Station logo/motto: None

Station specialties: Satellite Hazardous Materials Rescue Squad

Specific hazards/target areas: Central Intelligence Agency, George Washington Parkway (vehicle accidents and below grade rescues).

Equipment assigned to station: Pumper, engine, truck, medic, parade (1970 Pirsch Pumper), utility vehicle, and fire safety trailer.

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